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Mayor Belloc and Council Members Saucedo and Rodriguez Joined Latino Policymakers in San Antonio for NALEO Policy Institute on the Future of Our Nation's Infrastructure

The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund's *National Policy Institute on the Future of Our Nation's Infrastructure*, held its second and final institute series on November 20 and 21, 2015 at the Hotel Contessa in San Antonio, Texas. Mayor Belloc and Council Members Saucedo and Rodriguez were among 40 other Latino policymakers selected to participate in this policy institute focused on developing strategies to make our Nation's infrastructure more modern, efficient and secure. NALEO, which sponsored the expenses for Eloy city officials to attend this two-day event, is the preeminent Latino leadership organization in the United States.

Upon returning from San Antonio, Mayor Belloc indicated that *the Institute enhanced our understanding of the importance of investing in Eloy's aging infrastructure and the need of continuing to pursue capital projects that will allow us to be more competitive in today's global economy.*

At the Institute, City officials and other participants received an update on the state of our Nation's infrastructure as well as having an opportunity to engage with national, regional and industry experts on the different models for funding infrastructure and capital projects. Industry experts also reviewed best practices for modernizing infrastructure around the country, and cybersecurity issues relating to infrastructure.

Speakers at this year's Institute included **Transportation for America** Policy Director Joe McAndrew, **Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority** Deputy Executive Director Mario Espinoza, **American Society of Civil Engineers** Senior Managing Director Charles "Casey" Dinges, **Darktrace** Executive Vice President Dr. Jeff Cornelius, and **Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC**, Head of Public Finance Managing Director Carlos Sharpless.

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